

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the first paragraph on page 1 as follows:

Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.78, the present application claims priority to the provisional application entitled "An Apparatus and Method for Optimizing the Efficiency of Germanium Junctions in Multi-Junction Solar Cells" by Mark A. Stan et al. (application number 60/212,552; ~~attorney docket number 1613370-0006~~) filed on June [[19]] 20, 2000.